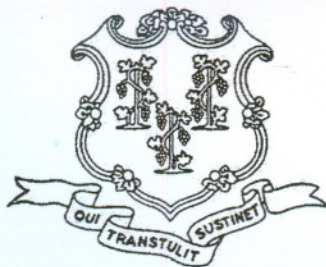


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

## Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, through their skill and expertise, our nation's school nurses help to foster a healthy, nurturing community in which our children can learn and grow; and

*W*HEREAS, most often, school nurses are the first, and sometimes the only, line of defense against the illnesses and conditions our students face, making their contribution to the education and welfare of the student population invaluable; and

*W*HEREAS, the nature of their profession calls on their ability to take on roles beyond that of health provider - acting as teacher, confidante, mentor and friend to the students of Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, today's society presents students with an overwhelming number of physical, social and mental ills, and school nurses have become an essential component of effective health programs, both in and out of the classroom; and

*W*HEREAS, the overwhelming dedication school nurses show to their profession and the children they care for stands as a testament to their commitment to the success and wellness of Connecticut's future generations; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in honor of Connecticut school nurses' outstanding contributions to our schools, do hereby officially proclaim May 12, 2010, as

### **SCHOOL NURSE DAY**

in the State of Connecticut. I urge all residents to support and commemorate the contributions of our State's school nurses and dedicate our own efforts to improving the health and welfare of Connecticut's students.



*M. Jodi Rell*  
Governor